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DECIDE STATUS OF WALVIS BAY

PRETORIA NEWS OF JULY 28 CARRIES THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS

BY PRIME MINISTER VORSTER ON WALVIS BAY:

BEGIN TEXT:

WALVIS BAY WAS SOUTH AFRICAN TERRITORY AND NO DECISION OF
THE UNITED NATIONS OR ANY OTHER BODY COULD DEPRIVE SOUTH
AFRICA OF IT, THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. VORSTER, SAID TODAY.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS REACTING TO THE RESOLUTION

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ADOPTED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UN IN CONNECTION
WITH WALVIS BAY LAST NIGHT.

"IN FACT," MR. VORSTER SAID, "ONLY A DECISION
OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT CAN BRING ABOUT CHANGE
IN THE STATUS AND POSSESSION OF THE TERRITORY (OF WALVIS BAY).

"THE DECISION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL THEREFORE HAS
NO FORCE OF LAW (REGSKRAG) AND THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT

ALLOW THAT IT BE DECTATED TO AS TO WHAT IT SHOULD DO
WITH ITS PROPERTY OR HOW IT SHOULD CONTROL OR ADMINISTER
IT.

"TO NEGOTIATE WITH A FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH
WEST AFRICA ON THE HARBOUR AND ITS USE IS ONE MATTER AND
SPEAKS FOR ITSELF, BUT TO MAKE DEMANDS AND TO LINK THESE
DEMANDS WITH A SETTLEMTNT IN SOUTH WEST AFRICA IS A
DIFFERENT MATTER WHICH IS UNCONDITIONALLY REJECTED BY THE
GOVERNMENT.

"THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL RETURN TO
SOUTH AFRICAN OVER THE WEEKEND AND THE CABINET WILL DISCUSS
THE ENTIRE MATTER AT ITS MEETING THIS COMING TUESDAY.

"ANY FURTHER COMMENT ON THE PLAN OR ITS IMPLEMENATION
WILL THEREFORE SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE AT THIS STAGE,"
MR. VORSTER SAID. END TEXT.
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